GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5860
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DISTRIBUTION OF SUGAR AT CHEAPER RATES THROUGH PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have invited views of all the State Governments on aproposal for distribution of sugar at cheaper rates through the ration shops to the poor in the country;

(b) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(c) the final decision taken by the Union Government on this issue?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Government of India solicited the views of the Governments of the surplus sugar producing States as well as those of the sugar deficit States on whether sugar distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) should continue even after complete decontrol of sugar and if so, the modalities thereof. The majority of the State Governments have suggested that the distribution of sugar under PDS should continue even after the complete decontrol of sugar. As regards the modalities of such distribution, different views have been expressed.

(c): Levy sugar distribution under the Public Distribution System is presently continuing.